

## Town Manager's Editorial

## The New Normal

I've been contemplating on exactly what the term "new normal" means, or at least what it means to me. I looked up the definition per the *Urban Dictionary*: "The current state of being after some dramatic change has transpired. What replaces the expected, usual, typical state after an event occurs. The new normal encourages one to deal with current situations rather than lamenting what could have been." OK, not so hard to understand since I believe I've lived most of my life under the "new normal" definition.... Most of us have, I'm sure.

But what has become the new normal for me since March 17<sup>th</sup> when Governor Carney proclaimed all government buildings must be closed from the public? As far as working at the Town Hall, nothing has drastically changed. It seems I'm just as busy as when people were allowed to come in for meetings or to just chat. We still do those things but now via teleconferencing, Zooming, emails, calls, and texts.

Hand washing – I'm really trying to understand this one! Are there people

out there who we need to explain why they should wash their hands? Social distancing - hmmm, I don't really care to go out to bars, I don't frequent restaurants that often, and I normally shop online, so not an issue for me. I'm the type of person who does not do well when folks are in my personal space (mainly face) or when I'm in their space. But, where social distancing has affected me is that I can't hug or kiss my parents; I can only see my children and grandchildren from a distance or on family Zoom time. As my mother always says, "This too shall pass."

Stay at Home – I'm truly blessed that we can work, but there are so many who cannot – even my family members – and they're struggling. Families and friends stick together and take care of one another... this is not a new normal for us. Our communities have rallied together to help those who are in need; our government is doing its best with subsidizing those who are now unemployed; restaurants are giving away free food; churches are holding services online or in parking lots.... these acts of kindness melt my heart and should always be the normal.

Think about what "new normal" means to you.... You may be surprised that it's just not as bad as it could be.

### Famous Delawareans Who've Made a Difference!



**Frederic Kimber Seward Sr.**, corporate attorney and survivor of the *RMS Titanic* sinking, was born March 23, 1878, in Wilmington, DE. He graduated from Columbia University in 1899 and was a member of its Glee Club. He married and had three children. In 1908, he started work at the law firm of Curtis, Mallet, Prevot & Colt in New York City. The night of April 14, 1912, while returning from Europe on a business trip, Seward was playing cards with stockbroker William T. Sloper and actress Dorothy Gibson when the ship struck an iceberg. Seward escaped on lifeboat 7, the first to leave the ship. Afterward, he filed a joint lawsuit with other survivors against White Star lines. Seward died at the age of 65 on December 7, 1943.

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts!"**

— *Winston Churchill*

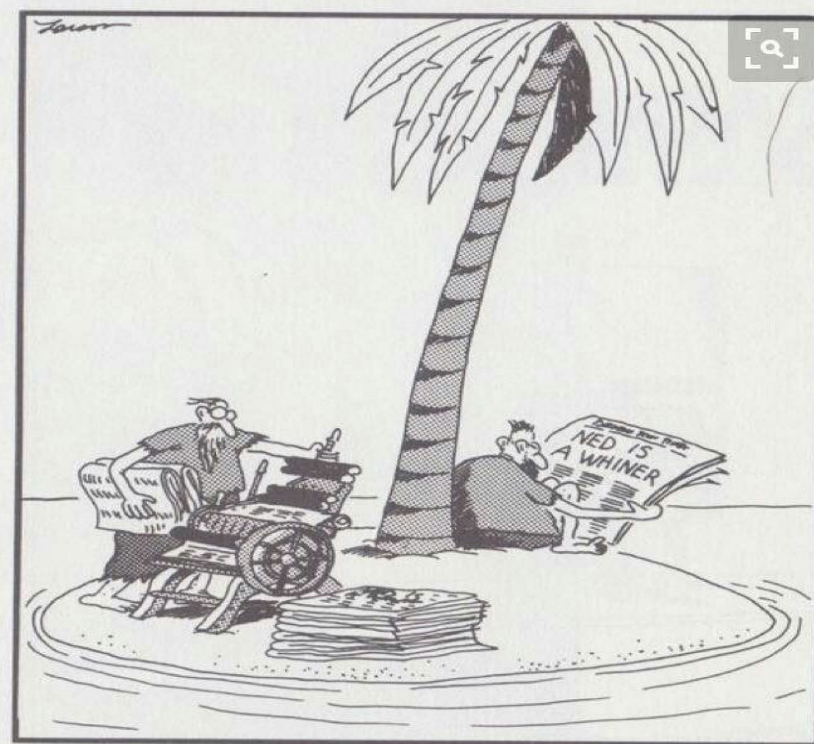
#### LAUGH FILES

**Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water?**  
Because he was a little horse.

**F** All dogs must be on a leash and are not allowed to walk/run at large. Owners/ caretakers must always clean up and remove their dog's excreta!

If you have an EMERGENCY, dial 9-1-1!

**I** For non-emergency police matters, you may call the Delaware State Police at 302-856-5850.



Hot off the press, the very first edition of the *Desert Island Times* caused the newspaper to quickly fold.

# The Mill Wheel

<http://www.millville.delaware.gov>

Newsletter Date May 1, 2020

#### Town Council

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Office Hours:

M - F 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Town Council Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 7 pm

P&Z Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. @ 7 pm

Workshops: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues @ 7pm

## NEW RENTAL LICENSE REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2020

The Town Council, at its February 11, 2020, meeting, passed Ordinance 20-07, amending Millville Code, Chapter 90, Licenses in relationship to Rental Licenses, Parking Requirements and Information Provision. These changes were made following consideration and discussions at a Town Council Meeting of ways to address complaints related to overcrowding and disruptive actions at some rental homes. The new Ordinance changes are more specifically as follows and will go into effect on May 1, 2020:

1) The property owner shall use reasonable business practices to ensure that the occupants and guests of a residential rental complies will all applicable codes concerning fire, building, health and safety, zoning, and all other relevant laws;

2) The overnight occupancy of a residential rental shall not exceed the sum of two persons per bedroom plus an additional two persons. Children under the age of six (6) years shall not be counted towards the overall number of occupants;

3) The property owner shall use reasonable business practices to ensure that the occupants and guests of the residential rental do not create unreasonable noise disturbances, engage in disorderly conduct, or violate provisions of the Code or any applicable law of the State of Delaware;

4) The property owner shall limit their rental occupants to one (1) motor vehicle parking space (not to include a recreational vehicle) for each bedroom as shown in the property records of the Town, with all off street parking available to the rental property utilized first. The property owner shall include the parking limitations set forth in this Section in any rental agreement and all other

## RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE REVIEW

**Resolution 20-01.** Resolution to Request an Amendment of the Charter of the Town of Millville, Section 31, as Amended, entitled "Enumeration of Powers," at Subsection (A), regarding a Lodging Tax. Adopted 6/11/2019.

**Resolution 20-02.** A Resolution establishing a Fee & Fine Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021. Adopted 4/28/2020.

**Ordinance 20-01.** Amendment to the Town of Millville Code at Chapter 72, entitled "Construction Hours." Adopted 8/27/2019.

**Ordinance 20-02.** Amendment to the Town of Millville Code at Chapter 111, entitled "Property Maintenance." Adopted 8/27/2019.

**Ordinance 20-03.** Granting to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, A Non-Exclusive Gas Supply and Distribution Services Franchise Agreement with the Town of Millville; Prescribing the Terms and Conditions Under Which Said Franchise May be Exercised. Adopted 9/10/2019.

**Ordinance 20-04.** Approving and Adopting the 2019 Town of Millville Comprehensive Plan. Adopted 10/08/2019.

**Ordinance 20-05.** Amendment to the Town of Millville Code at Chapter 10, entitled "Clean Hands Policy." Adopted 11/12/2019.

**Ordinance 20-06.** Amendment to the Town of Millville Code to add a new chapter 93, entitled "Littering," to establish a comprehensive program within the Town to control litter Adopted 2/11/2020

**Ordinance 20-07.** Amendment to the Town Code at Chapter 90, entitled "Licenses," by updating license requirements and incorporating the rental receipt tax, which is removed as Article III of Chapter 132, entitled "Taxation." Adopted 2/11/2020

**Ordinance 20-08.** Amendment to the Town of Millville Code at Chapter 155, entitled "Zoning," regarding private walkways, to allow a single private walkway to encroach into the side yard setback, but not to within two feet of the property line. Adopted 2/11/2020

**Ordinance 20-09.** Amendment to the Town Code at Chapter 132, entitled "Taxation," to establish a lodging tax. Adopted 2/11/2020

**NOTE:** The above ordinances and resolutions are available for review at Town Hall, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or they can be found on the Town website.

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# Local Services, Businesses & Restaurants

## Trash/Recycle Collection

The Town does not have trash services; however, there are a number of trash collection services available:

**Allied Waste (Republic Services):** 800-762-8888

**Blue Hen Disposal:** 302-945-9664

**Chesapeake Waste Removal:** 410-742-4400

**First State Disposal:** 302-644-3885

**Peninsula Trash & Recycling:** 302-990-8533

**Waste Management:** 888-588-3611

## Water Providers

**Artesian Water:** 302-645-7751

**Sussex Shores Water Co.:** 302-539-7611

**Tidewater Utilities:** 302-945-8880

## Sewer

**Sussex County:** 302-855-7871

## Roads/Street Signs

**Delaware Dept. of Transportation (DelDOT):** 302-732-5489

## Local Services

### ◇ CHURCHES

**Beacon Baptist:**  
www.thebeaconbaptistchurch.com/

**Millville United Methodist Church:**  
millvillemethodistchurch.org/

**Mariner’s Bethel United Methodist Church (Ocean View):** www.marinersbethel.org/

**Church of Christ at Ocean View:**  
www.ccovde.org

**St. Ann’s Catholic Church (Bethany Beach):**  
www.stannbb.org/

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church (Frankford):** discovermass.com/church/our-lady-of-guadalupe-frankford-de/

### ◇ DMV

**Delaware Dept. of Motor Vehicles—Georgetown** (www.dmv.de.gov/)

### ◇ SCHOOLS

**Lord Baltimore Elementary School (Ocean View):**  
www.edline.net/pages/Lord\_Baltimore\_ES

**Selbyville Middle School (Selbyville):**  
www.edline.net/pages/Selbyville\_Middle\_School

**Indian River High School (Dagsboro):**  
www.edline.net/pages/Indian\_River\_High\_School

**Southern Delaware School of the Arts (Selbyville):**  
www.edline.net/pages/SDSA

**Sussex Academy (Georgetown):**  
www.sussexacademy.org

### ◇ RESTAURANTS & GOODIES

**Agape Creamery (Millville Boardwalk)**  
(www.millvilleboardwalk.com/)

**Bonkey’s Ice Cream & Snowball**  
(www.bonkeys.com/)

**Casapulla’s Subs & Pizza** (www.alcasapullas.com/)

**Fox’s Pizza Den** (www.foxspizzade.com/)

**Fractured Prune** (302-537-7303)

**Hooked Up Ale House & Raw Bar**  
(www.hookeduprawbar.com/)

**Hunan Royale Restaurant** (302-537-8168)

**Kristina’s Kitchen** (www.kristinaskitchen19.com/)

**Mac’s Catering** (www.caterbymacs.com/)

**Perucci’s** (www.peruccis.com/)

**Shaka Shack** (shakashack.business.site/)

**Steamers Crab & Seafood Co.**  
(www.steamerscrabs.com/)

**Subway sandwich shop** (302-537-1900)

**La Tonalteca** (302-541-8200)

### ◇ CABLE/TV SERVICES

**Mediacom** (mediacomcable.com/)

**DIRECTV** (www.directv.com/)

**DISH Network** (www.dish.com/)

### ◇ POST OFFICE

**Ocean View-Millville-Clarksville Post Office**  
(www.uspspostoffices.com/de/ocean-view/ocean-view) 302-539-9466

### ◇ LIBRARY

**South Coastal Library (Bethany Beach):**  
southcoastal.lib.de.us

302-539-5231

### ◇ BETHANY-FENWICK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

www.bethany-fenwick.org/

### ◇ BANKS

**Artisans’ Bank**

**County Bank**

**First Shore Federal**

**M & T Bank**

**PNC Bank** (in Giant Food store)

**Wells Fargo Bank**

### ◇ GROCERY & PHARMACY

**Dollar General**

**Giant Food**

**Hocker’s Super Center** (Clarksville)

**Rite Aid**

**Walgreen’s** (Clarksville)

**Weis Foods**

### ◇ HEALTH & FITNESS

**Aquacare Physical Therapy**

**Beachview Chiropractic Center**

**Beachview Health Associates**

**Beebe Imaging**

**Beebe South Coastal ED** (opening soon)

**Beebe Walk-In Clinic**

**Coastal Kid Watch Pediatrics**

**Locchio Eyecare-Eyestyle**

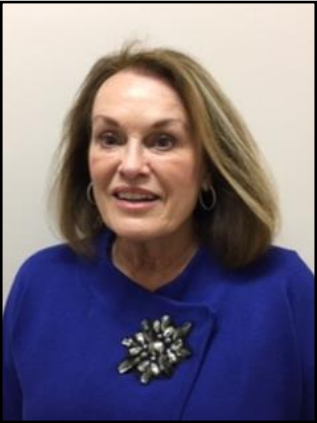
**Quest Diagnostics**

**Seaside Gastroenterology**

## Services, Businesses

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# Meet Your Newest Council Member ...



Barbara Ryer is a member of Town Council as of September 2019 and was appointed Council Secretary on March 10, 2020. She lives in the Coventry development and has been a resident of Town for a little over seven-and-a-half years! Ms. Ryer comes to Millville from Linthicum, Maryland, where she worked for the State of Maryland Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) as deputy director in the office of procurement. Her hobbies are gardening, Zumba, and travel. Ryer thinks the biggest hot-button topic for Millville are the roads and the increase of construction. “My biggest concern with DelDOT has to do with the increase of housing and having the infrastructure for roads to handle the increasing numbers coming to the area,” Ryer said. “It’s not just Millville but also surrounding towns, and with their building, they all use Route 26 so it’s going to have an effect on everyone.”

Ryer loves Millville, saying it’s one of the best kept secrets of Delmarva. She says, “I would like to keep Millville the nice, quiet little town it is; we have low crime and I’d like to keep the ‘old town’ feel.”

## A BIG Cheers to the Town Volunteers!

The Town of Millville recognizes its Volunteer group for their dedicated work and time devoted to Town Hall as well as local community organizations, non-profits, and establishments. It is required that a volunteer be at least 55 years of age or older; be a United States citizen; be a resident of Sussex County; and annually perform at least 30 hours of volunteer time in order to remain in the group.

We would like to congratulate those who performed over 30 hours working for the Town: **Brenda Fegelein, Linda Kent, Maggie King, Trudi Lombardi, Kathy Morrison, Patricia Moulder, and Maureen Walker!** Of them all, the volunteer with the most overall hours for the year was Volunteer Chairwoman Patricia Moulder with a total of 396.25 hours; and the volunteer with the most Millville Town hours was Trudi Lombardi with a total of 181 hours!

If you would like to be a Millville Volunteer, you may contact Town Hall at 302-539-0449 or email us at Millville@mvtown.com.

## MILLVILLE FY19 AUDIT RESULTS

From the TGM Group, the independent firm which performs the Town’s annual audit:

TGM Auditor Herb Geary stated at the Aug. 13, 2019, Town Council meeting, ‘TGM once again gave the highest level of assurance the Group can give a local government. The Town is in super shape ... [T]he actual revenues were over budget by \$500,000.00, and the Town’s actual expenditures were under budget by \$13,000.00. Mr. Geary stated he can’t say enough about the fiscal responsibility of the Town and what a great job the Town staff is doing.’

Anyone interested in reviewing the Town’s audit, may visit Town Hall during its business hours.

## NEW BEEBE SOUTH COASTAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT & TUNNELL CANCER CENTER COMING VERY SOON!

Set to open on May 5, Beebe Healthcare’s South Coastal Campus Emergency Department (ED) and Cancer Center, located on Rt. 17/Roxana Road in Millville, will feature 24 patient-examination rooms in the emergency department, with advanced diagnostic imaging equipment available including X-ray, CT scans and ultrasound. Although the new emergency department will not have the capabilities of a full trauma center, such as surgery, it will have a participant in the Delaware Statewide Trauma System, through which patients can be transported by ground or air to Beebe Healthcare in Lewes or to a “higher-level” medical center.

The campus ED will be open 24/7 and will have no effect on the Beebe Walk-in Clinic on Rt. 26, which will stay open. The cancer center will feature services such as medical oncology, chemotherapy and radiation oncology.

## FIRE + ICE MILLVILLE BLOCK PARTY

On Saturday, January 25, 2020, as a part of the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce’s annual Fire & Ice Festival, for the first time, the Town of Millville and Lord’s Landscaping partnered with All About U Salon & Spa to host the Fire + Ice Millville Block Party! The event was a great success, and we would like to give a big kudos to Amy and the staff at Lord’s Landscaping for holding the event at their business and doing so much great work! We look forward to another great year because ... who says we can’t party in the off season?



We’ve been busy in the Code & Building Department since our last newsletter in May 2019.

BUILDING PERMITS

For fiscal year 2020, construction has been on the fast track and shows no signs of slowing down. The Town issued 358 building permits. Of the 358 permits issued, 100 were for single family homes, 57 single family townhome units and 6 commercial. Rain or shine, the Code & Building Official (CBO) performed over 2,284 inspections!

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

- Millville by the Sea: Sea Star Village has both base paving and final paving in various locations, and the walking trail has been completed and is being used daily. Village 8/Sea Breeze Village is currently being reviewed with approximately 54 duplexes; this has been before P&Z and received preliminary approval and should be to Town Council in the next month or two.
- Bishop’s Landing, has just a few more items to clean up and it will be finished.
- Bishop’s Landing 2-Dove Landing: This is ongoing. Site work is being done in Phases 2A – 2C and homes are going up.
- Beebe South Coastal Health Campus & Tunnell Cancer Center is completed and should be opening their doors this summer.
- Sea Edge is in the site work process with installing the infrastructure, storm water, sewer, water and the like. Housing construction I think will start the first part of summer.
- Peregrine Bay is now named Parkside. This is located along Windmill Rd. As you can tell, the first phase has been cleared and infrastructure work is in the process.
- Millville Boardwalk is now open for miniature golf and ice cream. The amusement arcade is under construction and should be ready in the very near future.

CONSTRUCTION REMINDERS

Building permits are required for all construction, home improvements, repairs, etc., and must be obtained prior to the start of work. The building permit application packet must have all the requirements listed on the application or the packet will be returned. The building permit fee will double if a permit is not obtained prior to the start of work. If you are not sure what work requires obtaining a building permit, contact the Town’s Code & Building Department, we are here to help you. Information can also be found on our website. Also, check with your HOA and Sussex County to see what their requirements are. Note that all required inspections listed on the approved building permit must be scheduled before the Certificate of Completion is issued.

**Pavers:** The placement of paver patios, walkways, fire pits, sitting walls, outdoor living areas or anything pavers, REQUIRES a Town building permit. Due to the large volume of patios being installed and the various installation methods, we now require two inspections, FOUNDATION and FINAL for paving projects. Contact the Code & Building Department to schedule these inspections.

**Private Walkways.** With the passing of Ordinance 20-08 , entitled ‘Zoning’, the Town now allows a single private walkway to encroach into the side yard setbacks, but not within two feet of the property line. Topography surveys are required to be included in the building permit application packet.

**New Construction hours.** Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. No construction on Sunday, except for property owners.

LICENSE REMINDERS

**Business Licenses:** A Town business license is required before work begins for all companies that perform work or provide services within the Town limits. A Delaware State business license is also required. When having improvements to your home, please advise your contractor of the requirements.

**Rental Licenses:** A new Ordinance (20-07) for residential rentals was passed in February and goes into effect May 1, 2020. Visit our website for complete details of this ordinance. A summary of the new requirements was mailed to property owners who currently have licenses. Rental licenses are required for each rental unit rented or offered for rent. This includes all commercial, residential, short and long-term rentals. The gross rental receipt tax (GRR) is also required to be submitted twice a year for all rentals. Forms are mailed to property owners in May and October. Please advise renters of your community’s HOA guidelines which should be posted in each rental unit. Check with your HOA as they may also have requirements for rental properties.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

As we approach the summer season, activity in the area increases dramatically. The Town’s slogan is “A Beautiful Way of Life” and we want to thank all residents and merchants for their continuing efforts in maintaining the appearance of our town. Please remember to maintain the lawns, don’t litter or overfill trash bins and dumpsters, pick up debris, respect your neighbors and most important .... HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Services, Business Cont’d

BARBER SHOPS/  
HAIR SALONS/SPAS

Afterglo Salon & Spa

All About U Salon & Spa

Golden Scissor Barber Shop

Hair Cuttery

The Hair Snippery

Miller’s Creek Beauty Salon

Millville Barber Shop

Venus Nails

ENTERTAINMENT

Millville Boardwalk & Lighthouse  
Mini Golf

(www.millvilleboardwalk.com/)

Clayton Theater

(www.theclaytontheatre.com/)

Dicken’s Parlour Theatre

(www.dptmagic.com/)

VARIOUS SERVICES  
& SHOPS

A Shade Above (302-537-9407)

AT&T Authorized Retailer (302-537-

9000)

Atlantic Auto Repair (302-829-1446)

Banks Wines & Spirits (302-537-8008)

Bay to Beach Builders (302-829-1810)

Capital Asset Management Group (302-537-8505)

Coldwell Banker Vacation Rentals (302-539-4086)

Custom Clubs of Frederick at Bethany Beach (301-471-4825)

Jacuzzi Hot Tubs Of Delaware (302-537-5525)

Law Office Of Susan Weidman (302-539-1388)

Loftus Wealth Strategies (302-251-8901)

Lord’s Landscaping (302-539-6119)

Mattress Warehouse (302-539-7524)

McAllister & Sons Custom Tileworks (302-539-8025)

Michael McCarthy Stones (302-539-8056)

Miken Builders (302-537-4444)

Miller’s Creek store (302-539-4513)

Millville Mini Storage (302-539-6556)

Millville Pet Stop (302-539-9382)

Millville Town Peddler (302-604-4883)

Moon Cleaners (302-539-6585)

Morse Roofing & Siding (302-663-0042)

NEW RENTAL LICENSE REGULATIONS  
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communications with tenants;

5) The property owner shall provide adequate waste and recycle services.

The Town of Millville pursuant to Code Section 90-4 will require applicants at the time of each annual Residential Rental License Application to provide:

- 1) A copy of the blank rental property lease agreement that owner intends to utilize for the application year which clearly states the limit of one motor vehicle parking space per bedroom and where applicable, the number of off-street spaces available to the rental property;
- 2) The proposed location of parking for rental tenants will be noted on the application; and
- 3) The number of bedrooms (which will be checked against our property records) will be required to be included on the application.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the completion of your residential rental application, please contact Town Hall at 302-539-0449.

MyEyeDr. (302-537-0234)

Patti’s Hallmark Store (302-539-1115)

Petco (302-829-9010)

Prickly Gal Boutique (302-604-9022)

Reflections Antiques (302-537-2308)

SEA Studio Architects (302-364-0821)

Solutions Plus (302-539-6421)

That Guy With a Broom (302-200-4454)

The T-Shirt Guy (302-539-6170)

Turning Pages Book Lounge (302-402-3113)

Vickie York at the Beach Realty (302-539-2145)

Millville Park is On its  
Way to Completion!

For anyone who hasn’t driven or walked down Dukes Drive since September, there have been BIG changes! The ground-breaking for the Town Park was on September 10, 2019, and since then, construction has been non-stop, with the addition of a community building and public restroom/maintenance building. Concrete has been poured for walkways, sidewalks and the 1/6 mile walking trail, which will feature 4 workout stations as well as seating. Playground and challenge course equipment is being set up, and the Town is looking to apply for grants for the purchase and planting of trees, as well as the purchase and installment of three pickleball courts.

With the outbreak of the Corona-virus/COVID-19 and its subsequent restrictions per the Governor, the Town will be deciding when the best time will be to have the park’s official grand opening. The park will be the site for future Town events such as its Great Pumpkin Festival and a new holiday season event, the Yuletide Festival and tree lighting. To see current progress on the park construction, there are photos on page 4 & 5.





The photos on this page and page 4 show the progress of the Town Park! On the opposite page, the great room in the community building will be the perfect site for events; there is a spacious kitchen with service window to the great room; and the swing set has swings for all ages! On this page, (clockwise, top l-r), Mr. Crab is ready for the kids; just one of the exercise stations along the walking trail is set up; the community building is looking great!; the challenge course is a fun, electronically-timed obstacle course for kids of ALL ages; the 5-12 year-old playground is still getting prepped; Wally Whale is patiently awaiting some playtime!; and the challenge course board explains each obstacle.

Photos by Matt Amerling

